

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'
MILLENNIAL STAR

ESTABLISHED IN 1840



Smith Memorial Building

In Its Files—Millions Of Ancestral Names

(See articles pages 98 and 101)

AN AWAKENING WORLD

By ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

JESUS giveth a blind man sight.

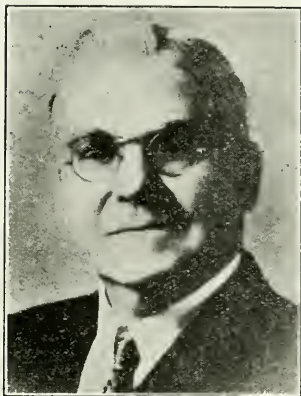
And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. (Mark 8: 22-25.)

This is the only recorded example of a progressive cure—a progressive miracle. All the others wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ were instantaneous. Is it not reasonable to believe that this miracle is intended to exemplify in the lives of men the gradual progress of spiritual vision? Certainly it illustrates the methods employed in the spiritual kingdom.



ELDER CALLIS

Professor Agassiz, the great scientist, said that every scientific truth passes through three stages: First, men say that it is not true. Then, they declare it is hostile to religion. Finally, they say that everyone has already known it.

Mormonism is entering the third stage. It is in some ways the most dangerous stage of our progress. It was Emerson who said that blame is safer than praise.

It is remarkable how the Gospel is appealing to people. The leaven of the Gospel is leavening the whole lump. It is in the hearts of men, secretly urging them and working with them to come to the obedience of the faith.

Some time ago Frank A. Munsey, the great American author and publisher, had a book prepared containing the genealogy of the families of his father and mother. It cost him the sum of £15,000. In his introduction he says:

The absence of trustworthy family records all the way down from the time of the Pilgrim settlers was so well nigh universal throughout New England, that it would almost seem that all interest in ancestry was regarded as a kind of snobbishness unbecoming in the hard-working, God-fearing American—unbecoming, unmanly, or even sinful. . . . One of my mother's unsatisfied desires was to know—actually to know—whether the old Hopkins family tradition was really true. Her faith . . . told her that it was true. I know with deep appreciation what those dreams and aspirations must have been, for I am her son. . . . One of these services, with me, was to do for my mother what she would have liked to do for herself with respect to the Mayflower ancestry of her family. . . . I had no other purpose in the undertaking

One doctrine of the Gospel, a glorious doctrine, is the doctrine of salvation for the dead. It seems that this is captivating the hearts of men and they are rallying to it and helping the people of God to gather genealogy.

In the time of which Frank A. Munsey wrote there were few if any large genealogical libraries or institutions, but now the College of Heralds in London, the great collection of genealogies in the Library of Congress and the files of the Daughters of the American Revolution contain invaluable data respecting the genealogical status of multitudes. This is a remarkable contribution to the work of the Lord.

Vicarious Work

ELDER CALLIS describes in this treatise the increasing vicarious work being done for the dead. The Joseph F. Smith Memorial building in Salt Lake City, home of the Church genealogical offices and files since 1934, is pictured on this week's *Star* cover.

Records of names for which vicarious work is performed in the seven temples of the Church are maintained in this building. One of the largest genealogical libraries in the world, it contains more than six million index cards, 16,600 volumes of family history and genealogy, and has an average daily attendance of nearly one hundred persons. In 1935 there had been issued 6,007 life memberships to the Church genealogical society, 16,630 annual memberships. This is believed to be the world's largest genealogical society in membership.

Some time ago a minister who delivers broadcast sermons weekly was asked the question: What, in your opinion, becomes of those souls who in this life had no opportunity of accepting or rejecting the truth as it is found in the Gospels? The minister replied:

Those who never heard the name of Jesus, since human beings first appeared on the earth, constitute the vast majority who have lived and died here. Moreover, hundreds of millions now living are in the same condition. Imagination cannot conceive their endless array.

Even today multitudes exist in Christian lands who, because of the circumstances of their birth and upbringing, are almost as ignorant of the New Testament faith as were the ancient Greeks who never heard of Christ. Think also of the hosts of innocent children who pass on before arriving at conscious responsibility for their own lives.

Even when dimly understood your question would be unbearably oppressive if none except those who have intelligently and voluntarily believed in Christ are hereafter admitted to the Divine Presence. If, as we are taught to believe, the incalculable myriads of human beings who have occupied, or now occupy this life, exist for eternity, and must spend it somewhere, how can we limit the redemptive efficacy of divine love to the brief span of man's mortal existence here?

Is not this a remarkable work that brothers and sisters not of our faith are doing? What is quoted proves that many people are not indifferent to the work of God, but there is an urge, an inner urge, which tells them some power not of man is with this Church.

Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the

heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. (Malachi 4 : 5-6.)

These things are beautiful, but there is one thing lacking.

From the Press

THAT LATTER-DAY Saint genealogical work is attracting the attention of the world is evidenced in an article recently published by the *Boston Evening Transcript*, whose ancestral files are maintained by libraries and colleges throughout America. An excerpt reads:

"As the first American home of the Pilgrims, New England is the source and center of genealogical studies. Families that went West have their roots here and their descendants come back for facts about the family tree. The hunt for 'that missing ancestor' goes on continuously. It is carried on vigorously through the columns of the *Transcript*. Utah, Arizona and Wyoming seem to be especially interested, judging by the volume of correspondence from these states, and this is explained in part that the Mormon religion cultivates consideration for ancestral records. *Probably no other group in the country is so well accounted for as are the Mormons.*"

These good men who are gathering genealogy, and who are inspired by the spirit of Elijah, do not belong to churches that have the power to give expression to their noble thoughts. More and more it becomes evident that Joseph Smith, the prophet of God, spoke the feelings of men and women who were longing to express themselves with respect to this glorious doctrine.

Another thing that the Gentiles are doing. Read a prophecy by Orson Pratt. In the course of a sermon he made this statement:

There must be something connected with the sounding of this trump that is miraculous in order that all nations may hear it. Any sound that can be produced by mortal man does not reach, generally speaking, over about thirty miles from where it originates, which is a very small space indeed. But there will be something connected with the sounding of the trump of the first of the seven angels which will manifest a power which we know nothing of. The sound of that trump will be heard by all people, nations, kindreds and tongues in the four corners of the globe. I do not know that the sound will be so much louder than some we have heard, but it will be carried by some miraculous power so that all people will hear it. (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 16, pp. 327-328.)

I quote from the *Milennial Star* (June 27, 1935):

These words were uttered 62 years ago. They were uttered three years before the Edinburgh-born genius, Alexander Graham Bell, had even exhibited the invention which was to develop into the telephone, and 23 years before Marchese Marconi patented the first simple wireless apparatus. Who would have thought in those days, when the voice was untouched by

science and invention, that in years to come millions would hear simultaneously a sound "no louder than some that had been heard?"

Through the facilities of this same invention that was foretold by Orson Pratt, President Heber J. Grant recently proclaimed the Gospel message in a sermon that sounded around the world and was received by the ears of millions of people.

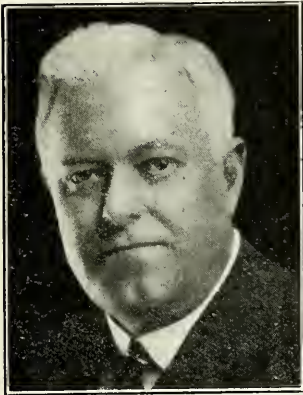
(Continued on page 108)

HIS LIFE FULFILLED A PROPHECY

Work of Supervisor of Genealogical Bureau Foretold

A STORY of how a patriarch's promise was literally fulfilled in a man's conversion and subsequent activity in the Church surrounds the life of Elder Harry Hale Russell, supervisor of the Church genealogical Indexing Bureau (see cover), who died in Salt Lake City Sunday, February 2.

Thirty-three years ago Harry H. Russell was practising as a registered chemist and abstracter in the little farming town of Conejos near the southern border of Colorado. He was a leading politician in the community and a member of two international fraternal lodges which had chapters in the town, the county seat. He enjoyed his cigar and had no particular interest in religion, although his wife, Dollie Elizabeth McEntire, was a Mormon convert from Virginia.



ELDER RUSSELL

At that time Mr. Russell was acquainted with Patriarch Soren Christian Berthelsen of San Luis stake, which included Conejos. One day Mr. Russell interrogated the Patriarch with words something like these: "You seem to be always giving blessings to members of the Church. Aren't there blessings for any of us not of your faith?"

Approximately six months later Patriarch Berthelsen came to Conejos and left him a blessing. He told him that he would become a member of the restored Church of Jesus Christ and that he would become a worker in keeping temple records. He was promised that he would take a prominent part in vicariously performing the earthly ordinances, such as baptism by immersion, for those who had passed on beyond the veil without hearing the message of the Gospel—for those whom the Apostle Paul spoke of when he said in his message to the Corinthians:

Else what shall they do that are baptized for the dead if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead? (I Cor. 15: 29.)

The promise was recorded, although Mr. Russell did not accept it seriously. His parents had been agnostic and he was inclined that way.

A decade later Harry Hale Russell joined the Church in Manassa, Colorado, and moved with his family to Salt Lake City. The Word of Wisdom taught abstinence from one of Mr. Russell's "friends," tobacco. Upon joining the Church he put it aside, soon realizing that in reality it had been an "enemy." He gave up his lodge affiliations.

Only a few months after he arrived in Salt Lake City he

became interested in temple work. But his interest soon extended further than performing the ordinances for the dead. Genealogy—searching for names for which to perform the ordinances—also absorbed his time. He not only traced back along his own family line but followed names for others, working at the Church genealogical offices in Salt Lake City. While occupied there he commenced working out a new system for averting duplications and for expediting the indexing and filing of names for temple work. For ten years Elder Russell laboured on the system, and three years ago came the fruition of his efforts and desires. His cross indexing plan was completed. It was adopted by the Genealogical Society of Utah, and is now recognized as one of the most modern and scientific genealogical filing systems in the world. During 1934 the Temple Index Bureau checked 100,985 temple sheets bearing 912,947 names, and was instrumental in preventing 102,229 duplications.

ELDER RUSSELL has received other blessings. At the age of 54 years he graduated from the University of Utah Law School and became a practising solicitor in addition to carrying on with his temple work and conducting groups of tourists through Temple Square in Salt Lake City, where he explained the doctrines and history of the Church. All of his three sons have doctors' degrees and are active in the Church. They are Dr. G. Oscar Russell, head of the Phonetics Department at Ohio State University; Dr. Harry J. Russell, head of the Spanish Department at University of Miami, Oxford, Ohio, and Dr. Ray M. Russell of London, practising osteopath and British mission Y. M. M. I. A. superintendent. Three daughters survive Elder Russell: Mary Elizabeth Camenish of Provo, Utah, and Nana Etta Anderson and Edna Susan Victor of Salt Lake City.

In conducting groups of visitors through the Temple grounds, Elder Russell often heard people make remarks of doubt concerning the teachings of the Gospel as he explained it. Pondering over their statements one time at 3 a.m., he crystallized his feelings in these words:

Truth is truth, wher'er 'tis found,
Whether picked up from the ground
From the dust and dirt and grime,
Or in the polished sands of time.

Do you close your eyes and ears,
Does it cause you bitter tears,
When it changes your emotions
And reverses former notions?

Truth is truth, wher'er 'tis seen,
Though as diamonds it may gleam,
And sparkle and scintillate,
Or lie in unpolished state.

Great discoveries of the age,
Unannounced by bard or sage,
Have attained Truth's position,
In spite of every opposition.

Truth is truth, wher'er 'tis heard,
Whether flying as a bird,
Far above among the clouds,
Or grim spectres it enshrouds.

So this advice I give to you,
From whatever point of view
Truth comes upon your vision,
Hold it not in derision.

Truth, my friend, comes before you,
Soft spreads its mantle o'er you,
And bids you to expect it.
Will you accept or reject it?

For truth is truth in all ages,
Whether seen by fools or sages,
Prove all things, hold fast the good,
God would save you if He could.

Not only have Elder Russell's conversion and Church activity

proved the fulfillment of a prophetic promise, but they have also demonstrated what benefits and blessings one receives in accepting these eternal truths of the Gospel and living the principles they enjoin.—WENDELL J. ASHTON.

A RELIGION OF JOY

MORMONISM is not the new but the re-interpretation of Christianity. It teaches that "man is that he might have joy"—the joy of seeking truth, of acquiring knowledge, and of putting his knowledge to work both here and hereafter—of setting in motion creative processes here: many of which will extend into the hereafter. It teaches that by making his choice of righteousness a man may become a co-worker with God on a grand and extended scale. Indeed it teaches that by being diligent and righteous, man may some day in the great tomorrow achieve Godhood.—HARRISON R. MERRILL.

SCHEDULE FOR SPRING CONFERENCES

"IF ye are not one, ye are not mine" (Doctrine and Covenants 38:27) has been chosen as the theme of Spring district conferences, the schedule of which is announced in this issue of the *Millennial Star* by President Joseph J. Cannon.

Saturday's programme will comprise a Primary pageant, Bee-Hive sketch, Boy Scout skit, Gleaner Girl retold story, seven-minute speech by an M Man on the conference theme, selections by the Singing Mothers and the presentation by the Relief Society of the play *The New President* (written by President Cannon). Sunday's schedule will follow this plan: 11 a.m.—demonstration of a model Sunday School; 12:30 p.m.—Priesthood and Relief Society meetings; 2:30 p.m.—testimony bearing; 6:30 p.m.—main services, with Mission authorities as principal speakers.

The conference schedule follows:

Welsh	Feb. 15-16	Scottish	April 4-5
Bristol	Feb. 22-23	Newcastle	April 11-12
Liverpool ...	Feb. 29—Mar. 1	Leeds	April 18-19
Birmingham	March 7-8	Sheffield	April 25-26
Manchester	March 14-15	Nottingham.....	May 2-3
Irish	March 21-22	Norwich	May 9-10
Hull	March 28-29	London	May 16-17

Welsh conference will convene in *New Royal Theatre*, Pontypool, and Bristol conference in *Cooperative hall*, Castlegreen, Bristol. Sessions Sunday will begin at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Places and times of conference will be published each week in the *Star*.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1936

EDITORIAL

WHAT IS DEATH?

THIS question has undoubtedly recently been upon the lips of countless thousands who gave attention to the death and burial of King George V. In the multitudes there were, of course, many different opinions relative to this question. Some people do not believe in any kind of life after death. To them this occurrence definitely ends all life. But most people believe that in some form or other life persists beyond the grave—death being only a separation of the soul (spirit) and the mortal body. Still others hold the view that in death both soul and body die, but in the resurrection the soul will be raised to an immortal life. Others deny the resurrection of the body but believe in the immortality of the soul.

Further, there is a great variety of views among believers relative to the nature of life after death. But most people frankly admit their ideas on the subject are not definite. They really do not know what they believe. But Latter-day Saints are not in this class. Their theology has given them a definite understanding of the nature of death, of life after death and of the resurrection. They define the soul as the living person, consisting of the immortal spirit united with and living in the material body. Death is the separation of spirit and body, the former returning "to God who gave it" and the latter "to the earth from which it came."

When death comes the departed spirit, a personal entity of the form of the earthly body, is conducted to a prepared place in the spirit world. Here the spirit, a knowing, intelligent personal being, will live until the day of the resurrection. This consists of a union of the spirit with the body, now made immortal, and is typified by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, described in the New Testament. Hence the resurrection produces an immortal soul.

It is important to understand that the spirits of the dead do not all go to the same place. The spirits of saints and sinners, for example, cannot live together. Each spirit goes to a place for which the earth-life of the individual has qualified it to dwell. The wicked will not live in realms of joy, but saints will—the degree of joy or sorrow of everyone who dies being governed by his merits. All this is according to the perfect justice of our living God and Creator.

It is also important to know that at so-called death, the spirit

of no one dies. The spirit of every human being is immortal. And in God's own time every dead person will be resurrected and brought before the bar of eternal justice and judged according to the deeds done in the body during the mortal life of the individual. (Revelation 20: 12-13.) After the judgment each person again goes to his assigned place, this also being determined by his worthiness. But after the resurrection, as well as before it in the spirit world, there will be different dwelling realms for the righteous and the unrighteous. Never throughout all eternity will saints and sinners dwell together. The unclean can never go where God is. They must pay the penalty of their misdeeds and be denied the glorious privilege of living in His exalted presence.

This eternal truth is apparently greatly misunderstood by many people. "Death-bed repentance" will never secure admission to God's holy dwelling place. The surprise is that any reasonable person can believe otherwise. Is not God just? He is both merciful and forgiving but cannot violate the laws of eternal justice. Repentance—a forsaking of sin—and a bringing forth of fruits commensurate with the sins committed are among the necessary conditions for admission to God's holy dwelling place. Saints only—doers of the word and keepers of the law—will be saved in the Celestial kingdom—the dwelling place of our God.

How important is righteous living in this life! The degree of joy and happiness to which we can attain in the next life are conditioned by what we do in this life. All who die will live again—will be resurrected, but some unto exaltation in the Celestial kingdom and, unhappily, others unto damnation in the Telestial kingdom where there are regrets, bitterness, and sorrows.

These facts are all a part of the teachings of Jesus and His ancient Apostles and are found written in the New Testament. Let no one reject them, for they are part of God's own truth. We hope that the death and funeral of King George V. will lead more people to contemplate on these truths and strive to learn more about them to their own profit.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

THE COAL SETTLEMENT

THE *Millennial Star* congratulates all concerned on the peaceful settlement of the dispute relative to the coal miners' wages. The spectre of a nation-wide strike of coal miners has disappeared. For this everybody is thankful.

The method of settlement is highly commendable. It was conciliation—sitting around the conference table, putting "all the cards" on top, discussing the whole situation freely, frankly and, we hope, with the sole desire to be honest, fair and considerate with everyone in interest. Would that such a method could be followed and terminate every dispute between employers and employees,

"FOR WITH WHAT JUDGMENT YE JUDGE"

By Elder Richard G. Harston

IRRISPECTIVE of our station in life, we are constantly associating with others of our kind. This association opens to us the possibility of great happiness if we abide by the rules of happiness, or it may lead to utter misery if we completely turn from these rules. Regardless of what we individually have received in that respect, our proper relationships with our fellow beings is a problem that vitally concerns all. The discord and lack of harmony in homes, communities and nations is silent evidence that few of us have realized success.

Have we ever really stopped to analyze conditions that make for trouble or peace, or are we content to be miserable without caring to find out why? Are we satisfied with unhappiness when the Lord has said:

Men are that they might have joy. (Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 2: 25.)

At the outset we realize that human standards of judgment are often faulty, for we are inclined to use our personal standards as a basis of comparison. Our standards are made up in a large measure by our individual experiences in life. This difference of background in experience causes a difference in standards of judgment; therefore, it is natural that a given act might be praised by one and condemned by another, and the judgment could be given with all sincerity by both parties.

Among Solomon's many wise sayings we read this:

All the ways of man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirits. (Proverbs 16: 2.)

The truth of this statement at once impresses us. Whether a man does good or evil, one of his first thoughts is to justify himself for his actions. The man who steals justifies himself for stealing; he who lies justifies himself for lying. Just so could all sins in the calendar be named. It is natural then to see why the Lord has given this warning and commandment to judge not.

It is a well known fact that the capabilities of individuals differ—also there exists a difference in degree of righteousness and strength of character. With this in mind, let us think of ourselves as travelling on an endless road of progression. A road that has ever been, and ever will be, in existence. Regardless of our position on this road there are many who have advanced beyond us, as well as many who have not reached our stage of development. Many have finer characters than ours—many weaker.

The very fact that we are on a road with the possibility of progression gives us an urge to go up. However, to do so we need help and guidance. This we must receive from those around us, and more especially from those with greater development of character than our own. And beyond all this it is essential to have the guidance of Him who created us,

If we are to be recipients of these great blessings we must fulfill one condition—there must be a burning desire in our hearts to help our fellow men. If this desire is to find realization, it is necessary for us to understand them. We must overlook their weaknesses even as ours must be overlooked by those who lift us up. We must show compassion as we expect to have compassion shown; sympathy as we need sympathy. The love in our hearts for our fellow men must be as sincere as the love we wish others to bear for us.

All this seems to be an echo of the words of the Lord :

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any : that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11 : 25-26.)

The thought is even more clearly expressed in these days by the Prophet Joseph Smith :

For he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin. I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men. (Doctrine and Covenants 64 : 9-10.)

If we do not forgive others, it makes it impossible for the Lord to forgive us. If He can not forgive us, how can we enter into His presence?

The words Paul wrote to the Romans still hold true :

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. . . . So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. (Romans 14 : 10, 12-13.)

If we have condemned our fellow men instead of putting forth a helping hand, what will our condition be on that great day when all must stand before the judgment seat of God? Will not these words of the Saviour be fulfilled? :

For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. (Matthew 7 : 2.)

Will we then be counted among the faithful?

It is the devil's work to cause dissension in the world. It is one of his most effective tools. But there is no law that says we have to yield to his influence. It is the work of the evil power to encourage us in the belief that we are invariably right and that our neighbour is always wrong. However, our purpose in life is not to serve the devil, but to serve God. If we serve God there will always be manifest in us a spirit of love and helpfulness. We will forgive others because of the realization that we ourselves need forgiveness. We will love others because of our own great need for love. We will never judge others, for we will know that our standards of judgments are not always just. We will make it a part of our lives to understand those with whom we come in contact, because we know we can tread no other path and gain admittance into the kingdom of God.

AN AWAKENING WORLD

(Concluded from page 100)

Is not this another example that the mission God Almighty gave to the Gentiles is being splendidly fulfilled? God is touching their spiritual vision.

At the time when Syrian soldiers surrounded Dothan to take captive Elisha, the prophet, his servant, paralysed with fear, said unto him :

Alas, my master! how shall we do?

And he answered, fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

And Elisha prayed and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. (2 Kings 6: 15-17.)

The eyes which Elisha prayed should be opened were those of the spirit, not of the body.

More than 24 centuries later, William Tyndale, the English reformer, translator of the Bible, and a martyr, was strangled and his body burned at the stake. Midst flame and smoke he gasped forth this dying prayer: "Lord, open the king of England's eyes." God's answer to that pathetic supplication was King James' translation of the Bible, as it is popularly called.

Joseph Smith, prophet, seer, revelator, translator of the scriptures, and martyr, by his death proved his words to be true. He proved the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.—(Adapted from a sermon delivered at the 106th semi-annual conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.)

THE FIRST GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

THE first mission-wide genealogical conference in Great Britain was held in Sheffield branch chapel Sunday, February 9, under the direction of Elder Joseph H. Stout, Mission genealogical supervisor.

President Joseph J. Cannon was principal speaker at the evening session, attended by 132 delegates, representing nine districts. Brother Ira W. Mount of Southwest London branch, assistant Mission genealogical supervisor, and Sister Dora Bargh, Sheffield district supervisor, also spoke at this session. Afternoon talks were given by Elder Stout, Brother B. W. Tuff Norman of Manchester district presidency, professional genealogist, and Brother Mount. Vocal numbers were provided by the Mission M Men quartette. Favourable accounts of the conference appeared in Manchester's *News Chronicle*, Sheffield's *Daily Independent* and other local newspapers.

Recognition came to the British mission genealogical work in the January number of the Utah Genealogical Society magazine, in which appeared articles by Brother Mount ("More Than A Hobby," published in November 7, 1935, issue of the *Star*) and Elder Conway A. Ashton, former Mission supervisor ("A Treasure Chest").

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Broadcasts entitled "The Exodus of the Mormons to Their Promised Land" and "The Mormon Paradise in the Midst of the Desert" were given over Czecho Slovakia's radio station in Prague January 22 and January 26 by a lecturer and traveller of that country, Mr. J. D. Richard. The talks presented a clear and accurate picture of the work of the Mormon Pioneers and of life and landmarks in Utah today. Two articles on Utah and Salt Lake City, accompanied by pictures of the Prophet Joseph Smith, President Brigham Young and Utah scenes and Pioneer monuments, appeared in Czecho Slovakia's *Radiojournal* (January 18 and 25), which has a circulation of 400,000.

Lectures on "Historic Salt Lake City and Utah" will be given throughout eastern America and Canada during the next few months by Mr. Randall M. Jones of Salt Lake City. The lectures, which will tell the story of the Mormon Pioneers, will be accompanied by colour slides. Sponsors of the lectures are the World Travel Institute and newspapers in large American and Canadian cities. Leading newsorgans which are sponsoring the lectures are: *Pittsburgh Press*, *Washington Post*, *Baltimore News*, *Baltimore American*, *Boston Globe*, *Buffalo Courier-Express*, *Toronto Star Weekly*, *Detroit Free Press* and the *Chicago Tribune*.

Named by the First Presidency to succeed Elder Daniel J. Lang as President of the French mission February 1, Elder Octave F. Ursenbach was set apart for the position this week by President Joseph F. Merrill. President Merrill left London for Paris Wednesday, February 12, returning later in the week. The new President has served in the French mission as a travelling elder for two years, presiding over Liege (Belgium) district. His home is in Los Angeles, California, where he was Hollywood stake clerk prior to his mission call. He has supported five sons on missions. His wife,

Sister Hannah M. Ursenbach, succeeds Sister Ruth Lang as Mission Relief Society president. President Lang will return to his Salt Lake City home via the Orient. Sister Lang will visit relatives in Sweden before returning.

Plans are under way for celebrating throughout the Church the hundredth anniversary of the restoration of the keys of the sealing power by the Prophet Elijah in Kirtland temple April 3, 1836. A special presentation will be given in the Salt Lake Tabernacle and stakes and missions all over the world will conduct special commemorative exercises.

Lowestoft newspapers published generous articles on the recent Norwich district conference (*Star* December 19). *The Journal*, recorder of Norfolk news since 1873, devoted 12 column inches to the conference (December 14). An excerpt reads: "President Cannon traced the history of the Mormon people from their beginning, explaining their great trek across the Plains to the Rocky Mountains, where they founded a civilization which is to-day the State of Utah, with one of the most beautiful and best laid-out cities of the world. He then quoted independent testimonies by well-known people, including the leader of the Scout movement in America, concerning the probity, integrity, morality and spirituality of the Mormon people, showing that they rank highest of all people of the earth in these traits." *Lowestoft's Mercury* (December 14) carried two articles, each a column in length, on the conference. Extracts read: "Joseph Smith was an unlearned youth, only 14 years old, when he went into the woods to pray for guidance as to which church he should join. There, in the backwoods, he had a most glorious vision, and became the world's most advanced thinker. . . . Several of the young missionaries spoke and expressed pleasure at the warm reception they had received in Lowestoft."

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Centenarians—Extracts from an article in the *Sunday Express* (February 2) tell a story of an interesting people: "Balkan peasants, existing in primitive simplicity, seem to have discovered the secret of longevity. . . . Official Jugoslavian population statistics recently issued revealed that in a population of nearly 15,000,000, 4,000 of these centenarians—62 of them over 120 years old—are now going about their daily routine as they have always done. . . . All of them are peasants of southern Serbia. . . . Bulgarian population figures show that, out of 6,000,000 inhabitants, 162 peasants are over 100 years old. . . . Centenarians in both lands give almost the same reason for their longevity—tribal nourishment, predominantly vegetarian in character, and, above all, sour milk. . . . It is their only drink."

League of Nations—Workings of no other political organization have been watched more carefully by the world during the past year than those of the League of Nations. The League, created with the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with Germany January 10, 1920, is com-

prised of 55 nations, three-quarters of the entire world. Leading countries which are not members are Germany and Japan, which withdrew in 1933, and the United States, which has never been a member although it cooperates in a number of beneficent activities. Russia and Afghanistan joined in 1934. The work of the League is many sided, including prevention of wars, promoting health and welfare, outlining a policy of "freer" international trade and creation of Permanent Court of International Justice (at The Hague, Holland) for settling international disputes. With headquarters at Geneva, the League Assembly (three representatives of each member state) meets annually, the Council (consisting of Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia as permanent members and 10 others) three times a year. The League Covenant contains 26 articles, designed to prevent and settle international disputes. Expenses of the League during 1935 were £2,000,000, of which Britain contributed more than any other member (£190,000).

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Releases—Elder Horace L. Hulme was honourably released January 31 to return to his Bloomington, Idaho home. He laboured in Welsh and Newcastle districts and was a director of the Mission Health Exhibition.

The following were honourably released February 1: Elder Lane W. Adams, who laboured in Scottish district and as Mission secretary, to return to his Salt Lake City, Utah home; Elder George E. Astle, who laboured in Norwich and Sheffield districts (supervising elder of the latter), to return to his Grover, Wyoming home; Elder Fielding S. Barlow, who laboured in Bristol and Birmingham districts, to return to his Clearfield, Utah home,

and Elder Bernard T. Price, who laboured in Newcastle, Leeds and Birmingham districts, to return to his Salt Lake City, Utah home.

Appointments—Elder Richard Grant Smith was appointed supervising elder of the Nottingham district January 24, and Elder Alva D. Green of Sheffield district February 1. Elder John W. Boud was named Mission secretary February 1.

Doings in the Districts: London—"The Plan of Salvation" was theme of Brighton branch conference in the branch hall, 105 Queen's road, Sunday, January 26. Sister Doris Hannah conducted the Sunday School session and Elder Angus

I. Nicholson conducted the evening meeting. District President Andre K. Anastasiou and Supervising Elder Richard G. Harston spoke.

Birmingham—Sparkbrook branch Primary conference was conducted in the branch hall Sunday, February 2, with Sister Mary Adams, assisted by Sister Maud Dyson and Brother Arthur J. Fisher, in charge of the programme. Children presented numbers and Sisters Doris Webb and Muriel Hunter sang solos.

Liverpool—Sunday School children of Liverpool branch enjoyed a visit to the circus in Liverpool Stadium Saturday, February 1, in care of Branch President E. George Patey and Sister Edna Currin of the Sunday School superintendency.

Irish—Many friends were attracted to two Red Indian demonstrations on the Book of Mormon presented in Ireland by Elders J. Ridge Hicks and Ralph W. Hardy. They presented the exhibit in Belfast Monday, January 13, and in Dublin Tuesday, January 14.

Special farewell services were held in Belfast branch hall in honour of Sister Gertrude Horlacher of Dublin, district Relief Society supervisor, previous to her

leaving on a long-term mission for the Church, in Belfast branch hall Sunday, January 12. In addition to Sister Horlacher, Elders J. Ridge Hicks and Ralph W. Hardy spoke.

Dublin branch M. I. A. officers were hosts at a social and concert in the branch hall, 8 Merrion Row, Tuesday, January 28, Brother Thomas Bourke acting as chairman. He was assisted by Brothers George Mogerley and Fred Horlacher and Elder F. W. Cox. The programme consisted of a vocal solo by Sister Ena Birchall, accompanied by Sister Laura Dimler, and readings by Elder Victor L. Bingham and Sister Birchall.

New officers and teachers for Belfast branch Sunday School, of which Brother William Belshaw is superintendent, include: Brother William Dodds, first counsellor; Miss A. Henderson, second counsellor; Miss E. Stitt, secretary; Sister

M. Dodds, assistant secretary; Elder A. Scott, Brother Joseph Ditty and Sister B. Cussans, teachers, and Brother Ditty chorister.

Leeds—Honouring Sister Mary Jane Whitaker, for 12 years president of Bradford branch Relief Society, a social was held in Brad-

M. I. A. Contests

An innovation at the second annual British mission M. I. A. conference at Kilderminster May 30-June 1 (*Star* January 16) will be contest events for Gleaners and Bee-Hive Girls, it is announced by the Mission Y. W. M. I. A. presidency (Sister Catherine L. M. Horner, president; Sister Madeline E. R. Hill, first counsellor; Sister Ruth Elise Mace, second counsellor, and Sister Florence Bickerstaff, secretary-treasurer.)



Catherine L. M. Horner

Gleaner field events will include a 120-yard relay (six girls), fifty-yard dash, skipping rope relay (six girls) and target ball throw. Bee-Hive events, planned under the direction of Sister Rose B. Bailey, Mission Beekeeper, will comprise folk dancing, knot tying, first-aid team (five girls) races, marching and singing.

Two silver loving cups will be awarded winning district teams.

ford branch hall Thursday, January 30. Sister Whitaker was presented with a bouquet and an electric table lamp. Seventy-eight guests were served supper, and games were directed by Elder Elvon G. Jackson. The Mission M Men quartette furnished vocal numbers. The affair was supervised by Sister Mable Robertshaw, the new Relief Society president.

Clayton branch Relief Society sponsored a social and supper in the branch hall Tuesday, January 28. Sister Marie Craven was in charge of games and dancing.

Norwich—Certificates for 100 per cent attendance and punctuality at Lowestoft branch Sunday School for 1935 were awarded Winnie Gowing, Leslie Cook, Donald Cook and Peter Cook Sunday, January 26.

Welsh—Welsh district's M Men banquet was held in Royal cafe of Pontypool Saturday, January 18, under the direction of Brother W.

Albert Perry, district Y. M. M. I. A. supervisor. Elder Robert S. Stevens was toastmaster and District President Richard C. Thomas and Supervising Elder Joshua Rallison were honoured guests. Preparations were made for a track and field team to represent Wales in the Mission meet at Kidderminster.

Scottish—Scottish district is preparing representatives for the Mission M. I. A. conference in Kidderminster. The district, with a motto of "We Are The Stubborn Scots," plans to compete in track and field, public speaking and ladies' chorus.

Correction—Dublin branch of Irish district, first place winner of the 1935 Mission Building Fund Contest, accumulated £157-10-0 during the year instead of £57-10-0, as reported in the *Star* (January 3). Dublin's total for two years was £257-10-0.

DEATHS

HAMSTEAD—Marlene Hamstead, one-year-old daughter of Brother George and Sister Florence Emma Hamstead of Rawmarsh branch, died of convulsions Saturday, January 18, and was buried in Haugh Road Cemetery, Rawmarsh, Wednesday, January 22. The funeral was held in the Cemetery chapel, Supervising Elder George E. Astle

conducting the services and dedicating the grave.

PRINCE—Brother John Edgley Prince, 54, of Doncaster branch was buried in Askew Public cemetery Saturday, January 11. He died January 7. The grave was dedicated by Elder Laurel T. Pugmire.

CONTENTS

An Awakening World ...	98	Ye Judge" ...	106
His Life Fulfilled a Prophecy ...	101	The First Genealogical Conference ...	108
A Religion of Joy... ..	103	News of the Church in the World ...	109
Schedule for Spring Conferences	103	Of Current Interest ...	110
Editorials: What Is Death? ...	104	From the Mission Field... ..	110
The Coal Settlement ...	105		
•• For With What Judgment			

PUBLISHER: JOSEPH J. CANNON, 5 GORDON SQUARE, LONDON, W. C. 1

EDITOR: JOSEPH F. MERRILL, 5 GORDON SQUARE, LONDON, W.C. 1

ASSOCIATE EDITOR: WENDELL J. ASHTON, 5 GORDON SQUARE, LONDON, W.C. 1

The *Millennial Star* is published weekly by the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Subscription price: 1s. 8d. for three months; 3s. 4d. for six months, and 6s. 6d. per year.